

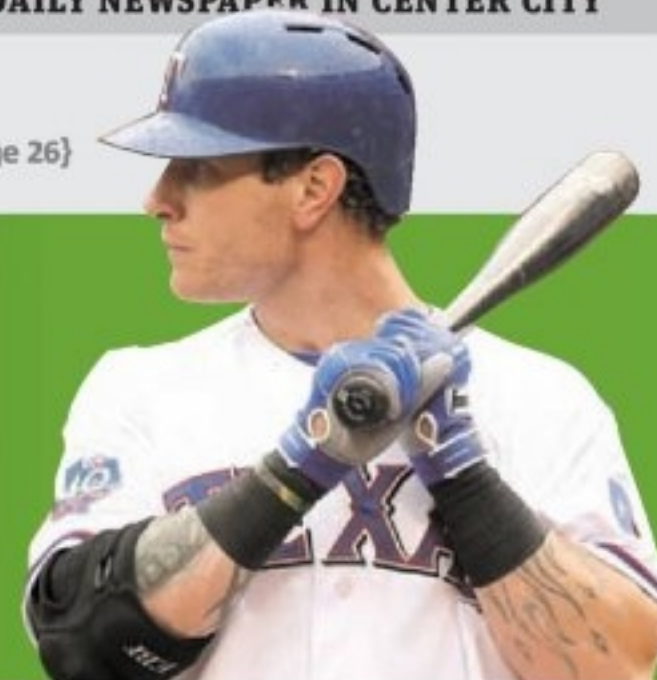
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In the news

One of 'dirtiest'

In a list released this week, *Forbes* magazine named the Philadelphia metropolitan area the third dirtiest in the country. *Forbes* assigned each region air and water quality indexes between one and 100.

Philadelphia's air quality index: 22; its water quality: 12. ● METRO

In the news



Person killed on SEPTA tracks

A woman was struck and killed by a SEPTA train yesterday in Bucks County, officials said. The incident happened on SEPTA's Trenton line around 8:30 a.m. in Bristol Borough near the Bristol Station. The train was headed inbound to Center City, SEPTA said. There was no immediate word on the identity of the victim or why she was on the tracks.

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▶ A shuttle does transport Navy Yard workers to the South Philly complex, but it's a long ride from many points north.

City's \$500M dream

▶ Next major infrastructure improvement would connect some 10,000 workers at Navy Yard industrial complex to Broad Street subway ▶ SEPTA likes idea, but cost is prohibitive

Geographically, it's less than two miles from the SEPTA subway station at Broad and Pattison to the Navy Yard, but for Madeline Edwards it might as well be across town.

"My roommate usually drives me [to work], but if I'm coming from the Northern Liberties area it takes like an hour," the 25-year-old designer for Urban Outfitters said of her commute on public transportation.

Next month, the Navy Yard is expected to reach a milestone of 10,000 people who work in the hub as Glaxo-SmithKline begins relocating employees to its new facility in the complex. While the hub is blossoming as an office campus, one thing that remains uncertain is the role of mass transit. Earlier this month, the Navy

Feds' input sought

SEPTA and the city have applied for a federal grant for alternative analysis that would provide more detail about extending the Broad Street Subway.

While SEPTA wants to further study the project, the

transit agency has not identified a way to pay for it. SEPTA's entire capital budget for the fiscal year is \$303 million, and more than a dozen projects have been deferred due to lack of funding.

But Byron Comati, SEPTA's director of strategic planning, said the authority could provide additional bus service

in lieu of the subway expansion.

"It's a reasonably strong proposition that SEPTA would have more advanced bus service into the yard," he said. "That could be very easily put into place and complement and pick up another sector that [is not] currently served by very discretionary types of shuttles."

lish this privately run service that includes the two services," said Will Agate, vice president for Navy Yard management and development at Philadelphia Industrial Development Corp., a citywide economic development corporation.

SEPTA said it wants to further study plans to extend the Broad Street Subway to the Navy Yard, a project that is estimated to cost \$500 million.

"I would say that SEPTA's really interested in looking at this," said Byron Comati, SEPTA's director of strategic planning. "You've got employment numbers that keep growing down there in the yard [and] you've got a hotel coming in, which is a huge first."

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Quoted

"Our plan is to work with SEPTA ... so that we can establish a track record where we can go back to using more of the public transit-type of services."

WILL AGATE, PIDC

Dogfighting ring in Chester home, cops say

WEST CHESTER. Officials yesterday announced the arrest of a husband and wife who were allegedly running a dogfighting ring out of their home, according to multiple reports.

Shane Santiago and Laura Acampora, both 33, are accused of killing at least 10 dogs and injuring others. Six living dogs were rescued from their home, where police

allegedly found a training operation including a treadmill and wires they said were used to electrocute losing dogs.

Several dead pit bulls found around the county reportedly tipped investigators off to the presence of the operation, and authorities zeroed in on the couple after Santiago was arrested on drug charges in Coatesville. ● METRO/AW



▶ Big announcement coming

Major decision on city schools expected today

PHILADELPHIA. The School District of Philadelphia is expected to make a major announcement today regarding school closures.

Recently hired district Superintendent William Hite will release recommendations for right-sizing the district. A controversial report from a consulting group suggested closing 40 schools this year

60 High estimate of Philadelphia schools suggested by a consulting group to be closed by 2016

and as many as 60 by 2016, but the district has said it would make its own call. Parents and faculty are expected to rally outside the district. ● METRO

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Deja vu over and over again

July 1, 2009. Local 22's contract with the city expired.
Sept. 17, 2010 – Oct. 12, 2010. The city and Local 22 went to arbitration, and a four-year contract was awarded.
Nov. 12, 2010. The city appealed to the Court of Common Pleas.

Nov. 16, 2011. A Common Pleas Court judge sent the contract back to arbitration.
July 2, 2012. An arbitrator awarded the same terms.
July 17, 2012. Local 22 filed a lawsuit against the city compelling them to implement the contract.
July 27, 2012. The city again appealed the award to the Court of Common Pleas.
Nov. 21, 2012. A Court of Common Pleas judge yet

again upheld the union's arbitration award.
Dec. 11, 2012. Mayor Michael Nutter's administration again appealed the Court of Common Pleas' decision, asking the judge to stay her order. If the judge denies, the city can appeal her denial to Commonwealth Court.
Dec. 31, 2012. Negotiations begin for Local 22's next four-year contract, which would go into effect July 1, 2013.

Third time's a charm in fight with fire union?

City Council yesterday held a hearing in attempt to pin down the cost to the city of honoring firefighters union Local 22's four-year contract, originally set to go in effect in July 2009.

"We need to know so we are not caught by surprise and have to make payments we cannot plan for, putting taxpayers at risk," Councilman David Oh said.

Mayor Michael Nutter's administration on Tuesday filed its third appeal of the contract award, claiming the city does not have the funds to cover three years of retroactive wage increases that have now snowballed into a potentially large up-front payout.

"The impact of the award would be substantial," Finance Director Rob Dubow said, putting the number at \$200 million over five years.

But others testified that the figure is inflated because it includes both the three years of retroactive wages already due and the cost of Local 22's com-



pensation the next five years.

"It's part of a five-year plan, but it's an eight-year calculation because you have the retroactive piece in there," Councilman Dennis O'Brien said. "To me, with all the other things going on, I can't help but come to the conclusion there is some sort of a punitive agenda here."

The administration also came under fire for not putting aside money to pay the award.

"Already, the city is in arrears \$84 million on a bill they know they have to pay," City Controller Alan Butkovitz said. "And their answer is this: 'How about we don't pay it some more?'"

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Calendar. '12-12-12'



► The newly married couple visited Love Park after their easy-to-remember marriage.

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Couple married in 'timely' fashion

Joseph Jones Jr. and Tawana Hart got married at 12:12 p.m. on the 12th day of the 12th month of the 2012. The only way to top the timing would be to travel back in time to the year 1212 and do it at the same time on the same day. ● METRO



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'12-12-12' rocked and raised for Sandy victims

Paul McCartney jamming with Dave Grohl and Eddie Vedder duetting with Roger Waters on a Pink Floyd song were just two of the acts in store at a benefit megaconcert last night for victims of Hurricane Sandy, producers said.

The "12-12-12" concert at New York's Madison Square Garden featured a who's who of rock and pop, including the Rolling Stones, Alicia Keys, Chris Martin, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Kanye West and Bon Jovi.

Producer John Sykes said the fundraiser would feature "the greatest lineup of legends ever assembled on a stage."

He said Waters, McCartney and Chris Martin of Coldplay "are reaching out to other legends to join them on stage and create once-in-a-lifetime moments."

Sykes said \$32 million already has been raised from ticket sales and sponsorships. With the concert's potential to reach 2 billion people through broadcast and digital platforms, organizers are hoping to raise tens of millions more.

To help with the fundraising, celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Kristen Stewart, Jake Gyllenhaal, Chelsea Clinton and Billy Crystal were to take part in a telethon during the concert, which started at 7.30 p.m. **REUTERS**

\$32M

Amount already raised from ticket sales and sponsorships, according to "12-12-12" producer John Sykes



► Eddie Vedder, foreground, and Dave Grohl were among the performers yesterday at the "12-12-12" benefit concert.

'X-factor' fundraising

Sykes said that personal stories of neighborhoods and people severely affected by Sandy will be showcased during the concert. Sykes was involved with the "Concert for New York City" after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, which raised more than \$30 million for

charity.

He said technological advances over the past decade have exponentially changed the reach of fundraising.

"We have both traditional and new media behind us in a way that we've never had before, and that is really going to be the 'x-factor' on how much money we can raise for the victims," Sykes said.

In the news

Spire goes up over One WTC

One World Trade Center, slated to be the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, was one step closer to completion yesterday as workers lifted the first piece of its spire to the top of the skyscraper.

The 408-foot spire is divided into 18 pieces and will take about three months to install,



► The spire was placed yesterday.

according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The structure, which will ultimately rise to 1,776 feet, became the tallest in New York City in April.

The piece of the spire was lifted to the top of the building yesterday morning, having arrived in the New York area in November with eight others after a 1,500-nautical-mile journey from Quebec. The steel pieces range in weight from about 5 tons to more than 67 tons, according to the Port Authority.

The skyscraper is due to open in 2014. **REUTERS**

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North Korea launches rocket, raising nuclear arms stakes



► Satellite image of the launch pad

North Korea successfully launched a rocket yesterday, boosting the credentials of its new leader and stepping up the threat the isolated and impoverished state poses to opponents.

The rocket, which North Korea says put a weather satellite into orbit, has been labeled by the United States, South Korea and Japan as a test of technology that could one day deliver a nuclear warhead capable of hitting targets as far away as the continental United States.

"The satellite has entered the planned orbit," a North Korean television news reader clad in traditional Korean garb announced, after which the station played patriotic songs with the lyrics "Chosun [Korea] does what it says."

The rocket was launched just before 10 a.m., according

Kim family celebration

North Korea hailed the launch as celebrating the prowess of all three members of the Kim family to rule since it was founded in 1948.

"At a time when great yearnings and reverence for Kim Jong-il pervade the whole

US reaction

The United States condemned the launch as "provocative" and a breach of U.N. rules, while Japan's U.N. envoy called for a Security Council meeting. However, diplomats say further tough sanctions are unlikely from the Security Council as China, the North's only major ally, will oppose them.

country, its scientists and technicians brilliantly carried out his behests to launch a scientific and technological satellite in 2012, the year marking the 100th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung," its KCNA news agency said. Kim Il Sung, the current leader's grandfather, was North Korea's first leader. **REUTERS**

to defense officials in South Korea and Japan, and was more successful than a rocket launched in April that flew for less than two minutes.

North Korea followed what it said was a similar successful launch in 2009 with a nuclear test that prompted the U.N. Security Council to stiffen sanctions that it originally imposed in 2006 after the North's first

nuclear test.

North Korea is banned from developing nuclear and missile-related technology under U.N. resolutions, although Kim Jong-un, the youthful head of state who took power a year ago, is believed to have continued the hermit nation's "military first" programs put in place by his late father, Kim Jong-il. **REUTERS**

News in brief

US military to boost Philippines presence, China army to be prepared

MANILA. U.S. and Philippine officials are expected to agree on an increase in the number of U.S. military ships, aircraft and troops rotating through the Philippines, Filipino officials said, as tensions simmer with China over its maritime claims.

Senior U.S. and Philippine officials met yesterday in Manila to discuss strengthening security and economic ties at a time of



► F/A-18 Hornet warplanes

growing tension over China's aggressive sovereignty claims over vast stretches of the disputed South China Sea.

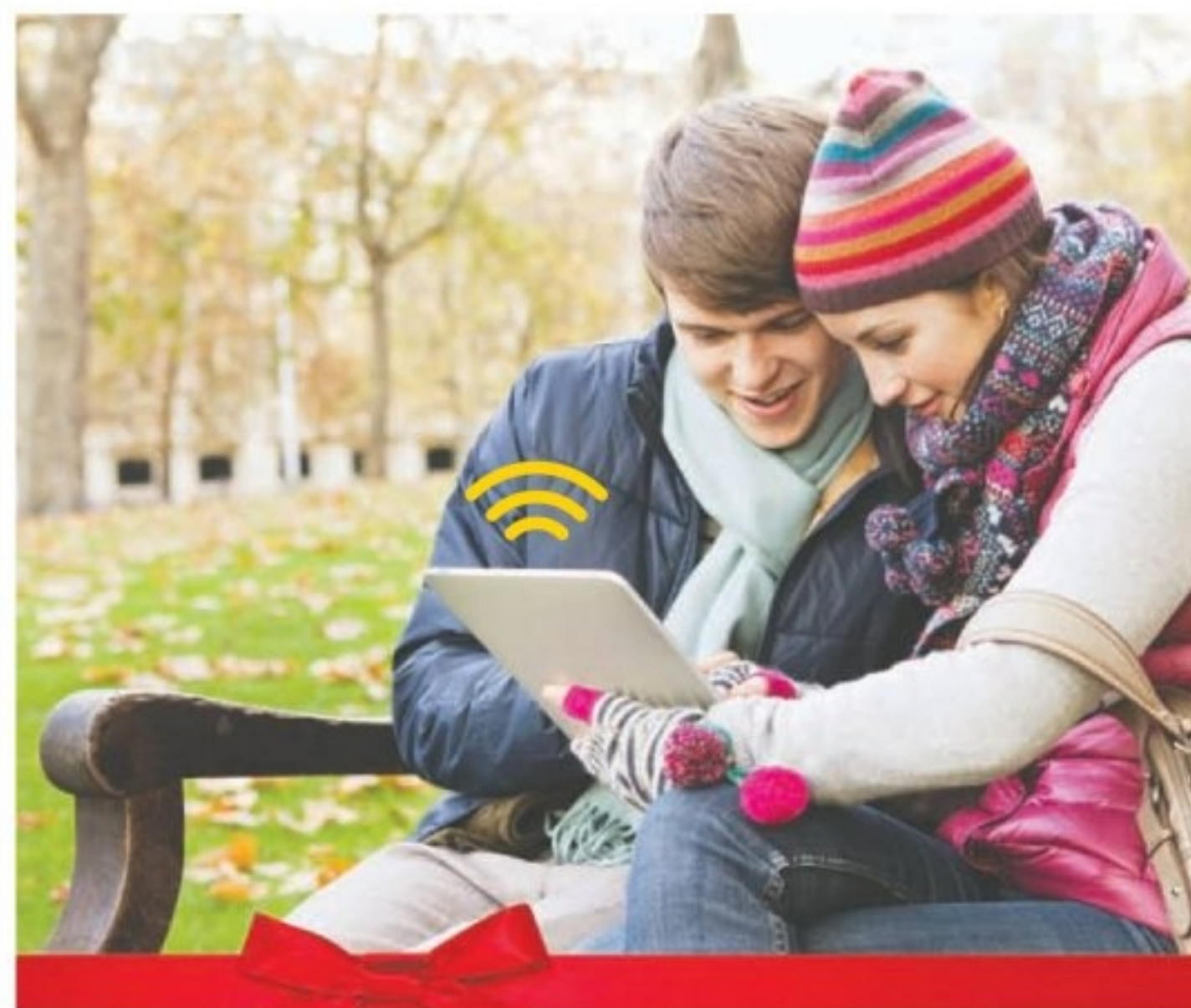
Philippine defense and diplomatic officials said they expected to see more U.S. ships, aircraft and troops for training exercises and disaster and relief operations. **REUTERS**

Pollution limits renewed with UN push for climate aid

NEW YORK. The international effort to curb global warming inched forward with an agreement that extends pollution limits under the Kyoto Protocol and calls for work on a mechanism that would pay aid for climate-related disasters.

The deal endorsed by ministers from more than 190 nations in Doha yesterday restrains fossil fuel emissions from the European Union to Australia.

It also for the first time suggests a channel for richer countries to compensate poorer ones for "loss and damage" from rising sea levels and drought. **BLOOMBERG**



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In the news

Whitney Houston beats Gangnam Style as top Google search

SAN FRANCISCO. Whitney Houston, who died in February, edged past "Gangnam Style," "Hurricane Sandy" and "iPad 3" to top the list of global trending searches in 2012, according to Google Inc.'s annual review of popular queries.

Houston, famous for such songs as "Greatest Love of All" and "I Will Always Love You," was at the top of the list. Searches for "Gangnam Style," a music video clip by Korean singing artist Psy — with a record 930 million YouTube views — came in second. Grabbing the No. 3 spot was "Hurricane Sandy," followed by "iPad 3" and then "Diablo 3" video game. **BLOOMBERG**



Legendary Indian sitarist Ravi Shankar dead at 92



Shankar

The Sitarist and composer Ravi Shankar, who helped introduce the sitar to the Western world through his collaborations with The Beatles, died in Southern California on Tuesday, his family said. He was 92.

Shankar, a three-time Grammy winner with legendary appearances at the 1967 Monterey Festival and at Woodstock, had been in fragile health for several years and last Thursday underwent surgery, his family said in a statement.

"Although it is a time for sorrow and sadness, it is also a time for all of us to give thanks and to be grateful that we were able to have him as a part of our lives," the family said. "He will live forever in our hearts and in his music."

In India, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's office posted a Twitter message calling Shankar a "national treasure

Last performance was with daughter

Shankar performed his last concert with his daughter Anoushka on Nov. 4 in Long Beach, California, the statement said. The night before



he underwent surgery, he was nominated for a Grammy for his latest album "The Living Room Sessions, Part 1."

and global ambassador of India's cultural heritage."

"An era has passed away with ... Ravi Shankar. The nation joins me to pay tributes to his unsurpassable genius, his art and his humility," the Indian premier added.

Shankar had suffered from upper respiratory and heart issues over the past year and underwent heart-valve replacement surgery last week at a hospital in San Diego, south of Los Angeles.

The surgery was successful

but he was unable to recover.

"Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the surgeons and doctors taking care of him, his body was not able to withstand the strain of the surgery. We were at his side when he passed away," his wife Sukanya and daughter Anoushka said.

Shankar lived in both India and the United States. He is also survived by another daughter, Grammy-winning singer Norah Jones, as well as three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. **REUTERS**

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'Casablanca' piano may fetch \$1.2M

One of the spinet pianos on which Dooley Wilson played 'As Time Goes By' in 'Casablanca' returns to the auction block this week. The 58-key upright has been estimated at \$800,000 to \$1.2 million by Sotheby's, where it will be offered in New York tomorrow. **BLOOMBERG**

Obama reduces tax demand to \$1.4T as talks inch forward

President Barack Obama reduced his demand for tax increases to \$1.4 trillion from \$1.6 trillion as he and House Speaker John Boehner traded another round of offers and

inched toward a budget agreement.

Boehner told fellow House Republicans during a private meeting yesterday that Obama hasn't been reasonable, according to a House Republican aide who asked for anonymity and wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the discussions. Republicans believe they have been reasonable by proposing new revenue and spending cuts, Boehner said during the meeting, according to the aide.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said on the Senate floor Tuesday he was "very, very disappointed" with the lack of progress. He said Republicans will either agree to

Coming down

Obama's latest offer better reflects the upper boundary of tax revenue Democrats could support. His budget plan earlier this year had more than \$200 billion in tax increases on dividends and estates that couldn't get through the Democrat-controlled Senate.



► A man dressed as Santa Claus speaks outside the Capitol before making his way to Speaker of the House John Boehner's office.

raise tax rates on top earners, "or we are going to go over the cliff" of tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to begin in January.

The two sides remain hundreds of billions of dollars apart on taxes and spending, and they continue to disagree on whether a year-end deal should include an increase in the debt

limit and fresh programs to boost the economy.

If Congress doesn't act, more than \$600 billion in tax increases and spending cuts, the so-called fiscal cliff, will start taking effect Jan. 1. Tax rates for income at all levels would rise, along with taxes on estates, capital gains and dividends. **BLOOMBERG**

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THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Celebrity divorces of 2012: A retrospective

► Yesterday, we looked at the big celebrity engagements of 2012 (aw, new love!) ► Today we review 2012's divorces (boo, dead love!)



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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"@JonahHill: Ok so I've decided I'm going to get married soon, I'm just not sure to who yet." I'm free.

Katy Perry and Russell Brand

Announcement: Dec. 30 (So this was technically in 2011, but the fallout was in 2012; work with me here, folks.)

Length of marriage: 14 months

Reason: "She's young, successful and dedicated," Brand explained of Perry's career to Howard Stern in July. "[The reality is] you can't fully understand it until you do it. I was really into the idea of marriage and having children." **Translation:** The re-covering al-

coholic wanted to settle down; she wanted to party.

Contention level: Low. Instead of anger, Perry just seems embarrassed she was ever associated with him. She recently hid under a table to avoid seeing him while she was having lunch with new beau **John Mayer**.



So crazy they almost worked.

Amy Poehler and Will Arnett

Announcement: Sept. 6

Length of marriage: 9 years

Reason: Their romance "fizzled out," RadarOnline.com reported.

Contention level: Low. They are too adorable to be mad at one another.

Heidi Klum and Seal

Announcement: Jan. 23

Length of marriage: 7 years

Reason: Klum was apparently disturbed about Seal's "inability

Tina Simpson and Joe Simpson

Announcement: They filed on Sept. 24; TMZ broke the news on Oct. 24.

Length of marriage: 34 years

Reason: Well, the divorce papers say, "The marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict

of personalities." But the National Enquirer says it's because Simpson, a former youth minister, is gay — and even has a boyfriend. Whoa. **Contention level:** Awkward. If you were Tina Simpson, wouldn't you feel funny inside?

to control his temper."

Contention level: High. The two are currently involved in a very bitter custody dispute over their four children and Klum's estimated \$70 million fortune.



Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise

Announcement: June 29

Length of marriage: 5 years

Reason: Cruise was apparently blindsided by Holmes' highly orchestrated divorce proceedings. One reason for the split? Us Weekly reported that the

couple "fought viciously" over Scientology parenting. **Contention level:** Medium. The divorce was fast and furious. Cruise seems sad; Holmes ecstatic. And Suri is still well-dressed.

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3: Sean "P. Diddy" Combs went Santa Claus hard in 2003 at a fundraiser to benefit Safe Horizon, which helps victims of crime and abuse, at Rock Center Cafe in New York City.

4: Alex Rodriguez donned Old Saint Nick's cap in 2005 at a holiday party he hosted at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami.

5: Jennifer Love Hewitt lent a helping hand at the Los Angeles Mission on Dec. 24, 2010 in Los Angeles.

6: Rachael Ray posed with her monogrammed Santa hat dur-

ing a singing at Sur La Table in San Jose, Calif. in 2007.

7: Katy Perry was a rock 'n' roll Santa at the Y100 Jingle Ball at BankAtlantic Center in 2010 in Sunrise, Fla.

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2 'Playing for Keeps' This rom-com follows a former soccer star (Gerard Butler) who is asked to coach his son's soccer team. He's a hit with the kids, and the moms aren't complaining either.

3 'Killing Them Softly' This underworld drama follows some fools who rip off a mobster's card game and must



► Martin Freeman, as hobbit Bilbo Baggins, leaves his home in the Shire in part one of this prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" films, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

answer to a deadly enforcer.

4 'The Collection' The masterminds of the "Saw" franchise reappear with a new Svengali of torture games.

5 'Hitchcock' Sir Anthony Hopkins disappears into the fat suit of Alfred Hitchcock in this film that depicts the making of the suspense master's most widely known film, "Psycho."

6 'Life of Pi' Ang Lee's latest effort, about a young man adrift at sea with only a tiger for company, offers some dazzling 3-D visuals.

7 'Rise of the Guardians' This animated feature imagines mythical figures secretly banding together to protect children.

8 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2' Vampire husband and wife Edward and Bella are on a mission to save their spawn from the evil Volturi.

9 'Anna Karenina' Keira Knightley stars in this adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's novel about a married socialite.

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tiny designer parka, took a stroll through a Toronto Ikea and became an instant Internet star for the obvious reasons. His owners are claiming that he escaped from the car for a little shopping spree — but we can probably all agree that he was the Christmas miracle the world needed.



Go Darwin!

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Shrink Wrap

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your needs? Sometimes, it is all in how you ask.

You know what it's like to have something demanded of



► We're willing to bet that Will and Kate ask each other nicely.

you, right? When we're told to get the dry cleaning or to make that dinner reservation, it doesn't feel very good. If anything, it puts you on the defensive and makes you not want to do something. Who wants to do something nice for someone when forced to do it?

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— Relationship expert Dr. Jane Greer is creator of "Shrink Wrap" — national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at Healthylife.net. Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available nationwide.

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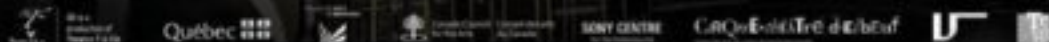
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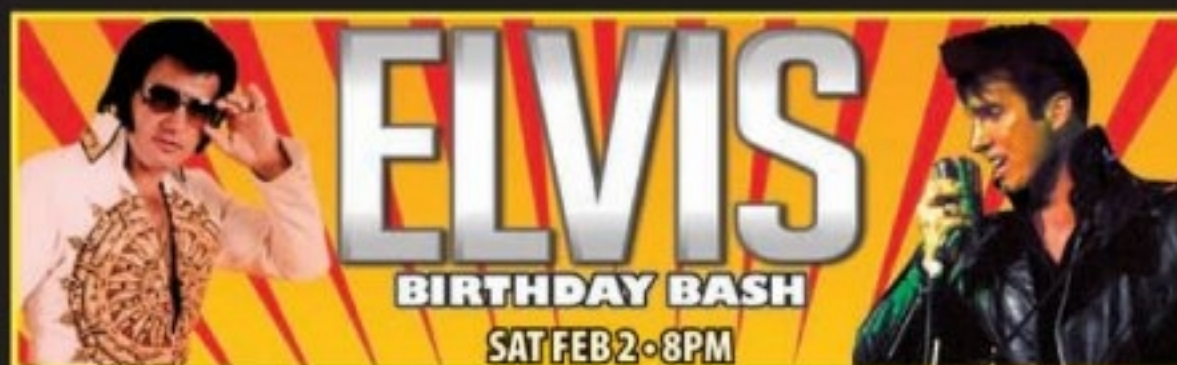


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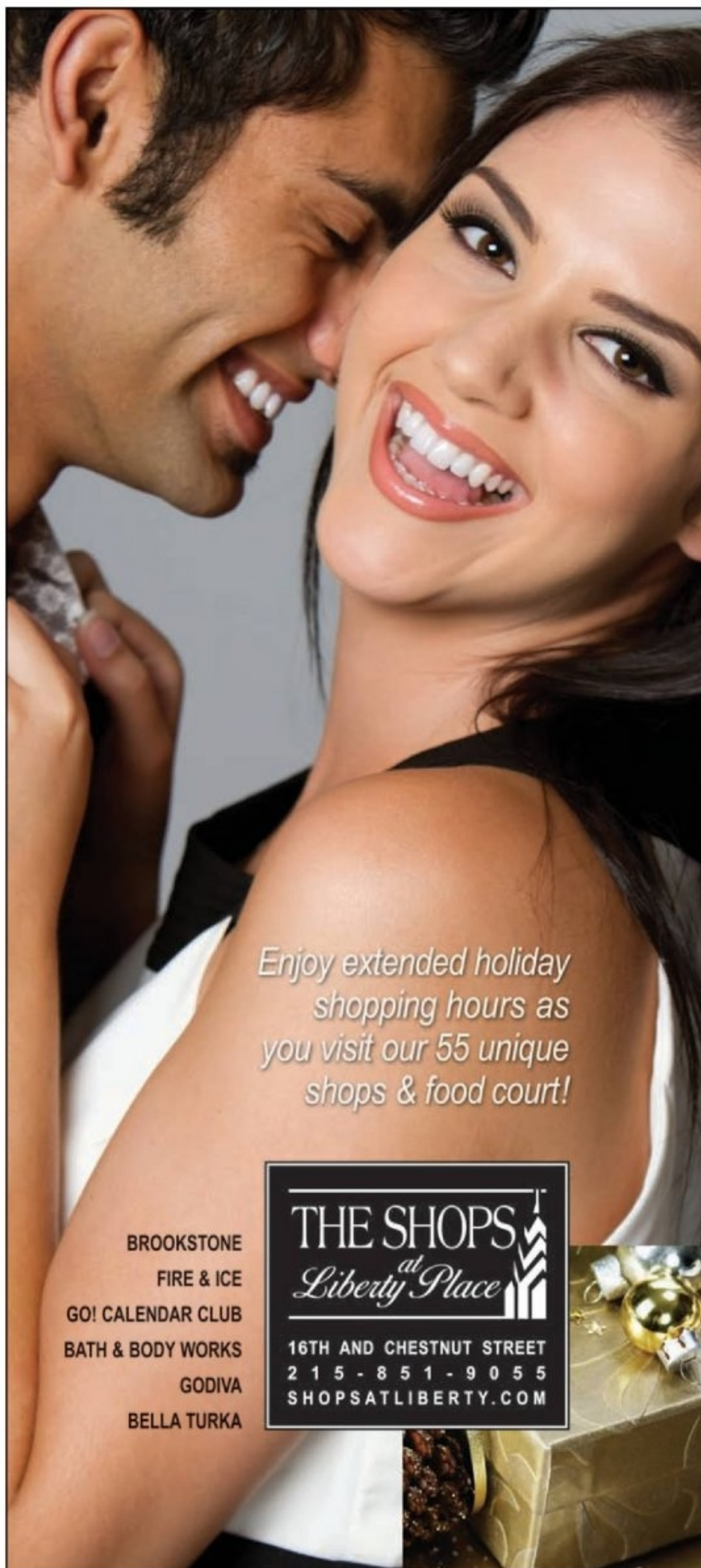
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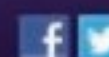


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A public menace on two wheels

RE: "THE UNIVERSAL BLIND SPOT: BICYCLISTS" (METRO, DEC. 11) As much as I have observed drivers being ignorant or arrogant or careless, and I myself have nearly gotten hit by cars (not cycling — walking), I would not say that cyclists are blame-free. I have also nearly gotten hit by ignorant, arrogant and careless cyclists and I have observed cyclists "teasing" traffic, asking for an accident. Furthermore, cyclists very rarely stay off sidewalks. I once saw some guy on a motorcycle going on the sidewalk. By the way, a lot of motorcyclists ought to be put on an island with ignorant drivers and let them deal with each other.

LUCY MARTINEZ, VIA E-MAIL

I want to take issue with Liz

Papi's letter to the editor. I have seen bicyclists do the following:

1. Go right through a red light (during the pedestrian walk light): You are required BY LAW to stop at a red light and WALK your bike across.
2. Hitch onto cars, trucks and bus bumpers: Suicide, just plain suicide.
3. No helmets: Go visit the local ER — and find the bike accidents. No helmet? Go to the morgue.
4. Not in bike lanes: You have your lane, we have ours; stay out of ours, please.
5. Talking on the phone: I am not even going here. It's just plain stupid.
6. Riding on the sidewalk (endangering pedestrians): Like the road isn't enough excitement, so you have to scare the walkers?

7. Do not obey any of the bicyclists rules — not a one: Get the bicyclist rules manual and read it.

And you wonder WHY they get hit by cars, buses and trucks? Because they are no better than the drivers of these vehicles that hit them who are texting, talking on the phone or otherwise involved in something that has nothing to do with driving and paying attention.

Please don't put all the blame on the drivers — in many cases the bicyclists were wrong.

LINDA CARFAGNA, VIA E-MAIL

TPP deal would cost American jobs

Right now, U.S. negotiators are working behind closed doors in Auckland, New

Zealand, on a massive agreement called the Trans-Pacific Partnership that would offshore millions of American jobs and flood us with unsafe imported food.

Corporate interests have special access to the negotiations, while Congress and the public are locked out.

TPP boosters are trying to sell the TPP as a trade agreement that could expand U.S. exports, but recent leaks reveal that actually most of its 29 chapters have little to do with trade and rather would impose limits on government health, safety, labor and environmental standards while granting new rights and powers to large corporations.

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) has introduced the 21st Century Trade Agreements Act to stop rogue trade negotiators from pushing provisions in "free trade" agreements which put the profits of foreign corporations before the wellbeing of the American people.

HOWARD WEISS, VIA E-MAIL

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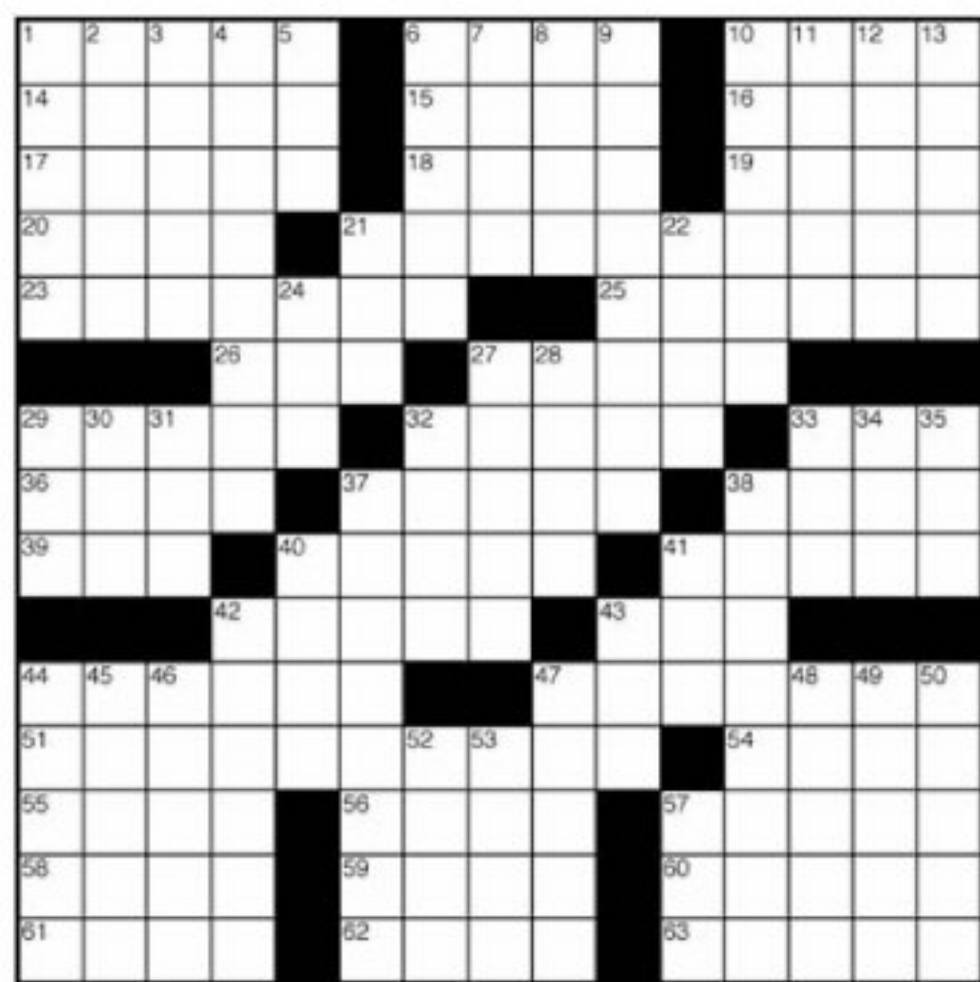
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Could CBP turn into the house Hamilton built?

► Phillies reportedly interested in high-priced slugger
 ► Off-field issues aside, perfect fit ► Power bat and corner outfielder the team needs ► NL scout weighs in

The hot stove is sizzling. According to 94 WIP's Anthony Gargano, the Phillies offered Josh Hamilton a three-year, \$80 million contract.

Will the Texas Rangers match the offer? Will Hamilton continue to insist on a five- or six-year deal that doesn't appear to be out there? Will the Red Sox or Mariners up the ante in pursuit of the best free agent available?

Hamilton clearly fills a need for the Phillies. It makes sense for the club to sign an elite hitter, one that is a difference-maker (Ruben Amaro's exact words) to a three-year contract, if he'll take it.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the Phillies are all in for Hamilton," an NL scout said. "He is a special player. I know he has had his issues [with drugs and alcohol], but if you can get him for three or even four years at \$20 million-plus, it's a gamble they should take."

"You hear about his problems. Hey, guess what, if he didn't have those issues, he would be getting a 10-year,

Quoted

"I wouldn't be surprised if the Phillies were all in for Hamilton. You hear about his problems. Hey, guess what, if he didn't have those issues, he would be getting a 10-year, \$200 million-plus deal." NL SCOUT

\$200 million-plus deal. He would help the Phillies without a doubt."

The window is still open for this current crop of Phillies. Ryan Howard, Cole Hamels, Cliff Lee, Chase Utley and Jimmy Rollins have another run or two in them, but they can use the raw power Hamilton would add.

"They need another big bat," the NL scout said. "They needed it last season. If they picked that bat up last year, they might have made the playoffs in spite of all the problems they had. A big reason to pick up Hamilton is due to the uncertainty around Utley and his knees. The other big guns are older."

But will the Rangers match any offer the Phillies make?

"I don't know," the NL scout said. "If they will, they certainly are playing a good game of poker with Hamilton. I can see the Rangers going the other way. They have a lot of firepower and a lot of prospects who are ready."

"They could possibly trade those prospects for [Justin] Upton. The other thing is that I wouldn't underestimate Ruben Amaro. He is pretty good at getting who he wants. We'll see how badly he wants Hamilton."

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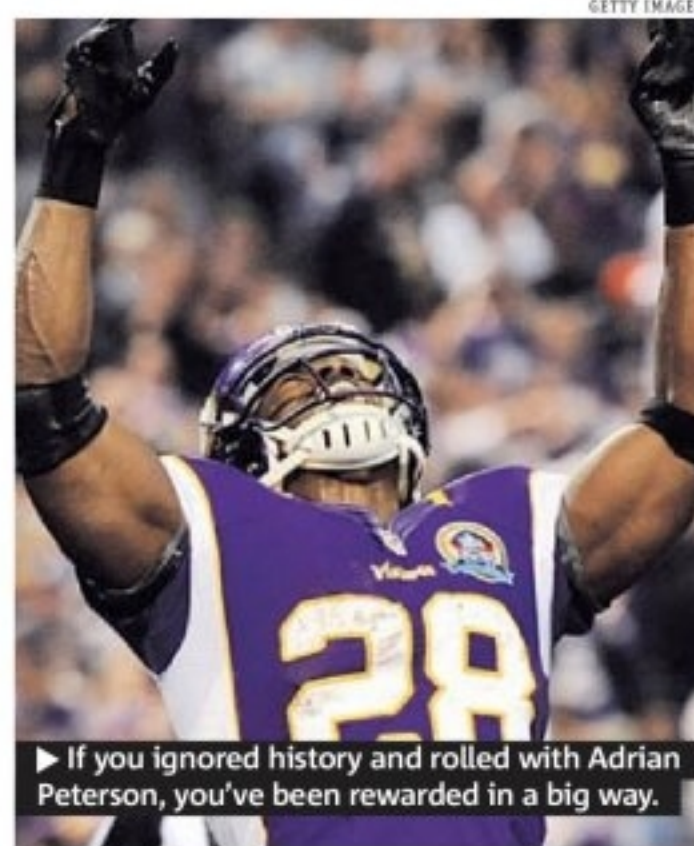
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Should we regret avoiding **Adrian Peterson**, **Jamaal Charles**, **Mikel Leshoure** and **Knowshon Moreno**? Absolutely not. We used the information available to us and made a rational decision. But now, we need to adjust. NFL athletes, with today's advances in medicine and rehab, are in play the year after major injuries.

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The state of the running back position leaves



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us vulnerable every week. Not only must we own the backup to our starter under all circumstances, but our bench spots can be used for other lottery tickets. If you were stashing **Bryce Brown**, **David Wilson**, **Marcel Reece** or **Moreno** at various points this season, you are in the money. Don't forget it.

Bad WR matchups



With everything on the line, avoid these clashes if possible.

- 1 Kenny Britt, TEN** — Britt finally rounded into form last week, but trouble lies ahead. Jets CB Antonio Cromartie has been among the top cover guys in the league this season.
- 2 Denarius Moore, OAK** — Moore has been benched at times in favor of Rod Streater lately. Now he'll have to deal with Chiefs CB Brandon Flowers.
- 3 Sidney Rice, SEA** — The Seahawks run to win and Rice will be squaring off with red-hot Bills rookie Stephon Gilmore.

NFL pickups



David Wilson

RB, Giants

If Wilson had started the first 13 games of the year, he'd be a household name by now. Ahmad Bradshaw's injuries are now paving the way.

Dennis Pitta

TE, Ravens

Back when the Ravens were running hurry-up as their base, Pitta was a top-5 TE option. With Jim Caldwell in at OC, the no-huddle is back.

Lions D/ST

at Cardinals

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3 THINGS TO WATCH

► Eagles host the Bengals tonight (8:20 p.m., 6ABC) ► Vick and McCoy out as expected ► But here's what we'll be watching ...



► Foles

1 No surprises here.

Despite returning to the practice field in limited roles, QB Mike Vick and RB LeSean McCoy were both ruled out for tonight's game. (Brent Celek is also out tonight.) The concussed duo had been participating in light practices and walk-throughs earlier in the week, but the team decided to keep them shelved. Wise move. Don't expect either of them to return to game action anytime soon, even if they are given a clean bill of health.

2 Foles frenzy rolls on.

There has been a sizeable portion of Eagles fans jumping on the Nick Foles bandwagon after leading a comeback victory last week. And why not? The rookie quarterback is making progress. He looked very confident and poised, while throwing for 381 yards. Still, Tampa Bay has one of the worst pass defenses in the NFL. He'll get a stiffer test tonight against Cincinnati's 10th-best pass defense.

3 Along defensive front.

The wide-nine is being fazed out, and the defensive line rotation is dead. That means we'll really get to see what the starting front of Brandon Graham, Cullen Jenkins, Fletcher Cox and Trent Cole can bring to the table. They saw the majority of the snaps last week — with Cox and Jenkins registering sacks — and will continue to do so the rest of the way. It's the Tommy Brasher effect.

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NHL, NHLPA resume talks; first meeting since last week

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in an undisclosed location and imposed a media blackout.

The NHLPA did announce the names of players participating, including Craig Adams, Adrian Aucoin, Brad

Boyes, Chris Campoli, Mathieu Darche, Shane Doan, Ron Hainsey, Jamal Myers, Andy McDonald, Steve Montador, Brendan Morrison, Douglas Murray and Daniel Winnik.

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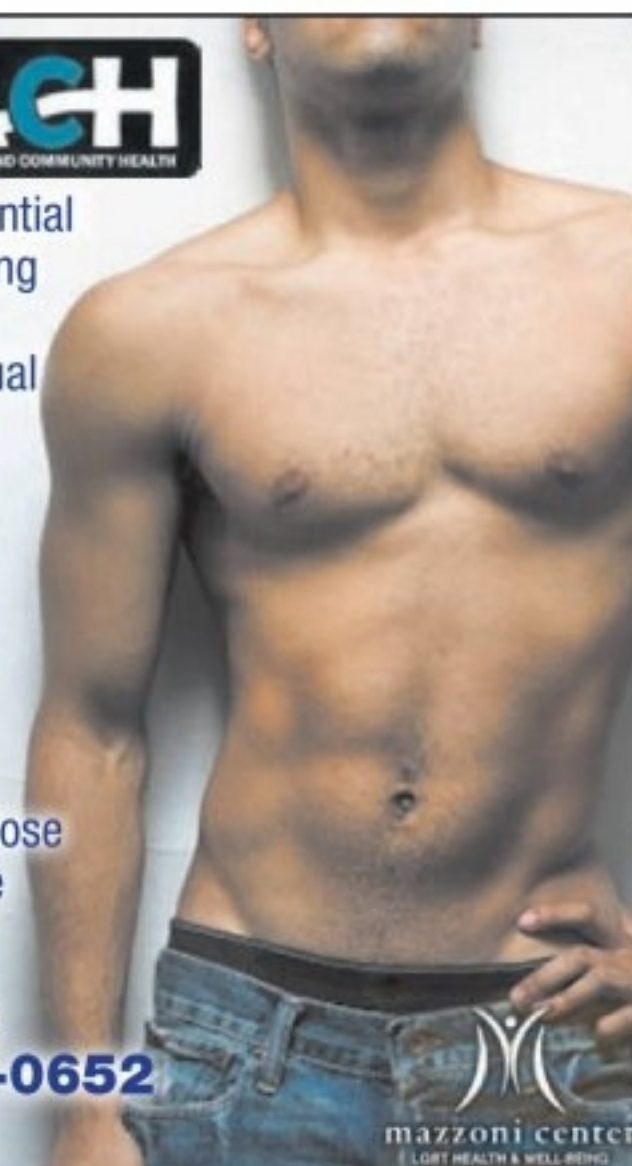
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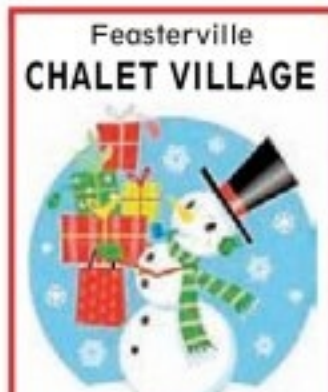
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